

**VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD  
PUBLIC HEARING  
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS BOND VOTE  
Minutes of November 1, 2007**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room located in the Brown Public Library. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the bond vote that will take place on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 regarding funding for the North Phase of the Water Transmission Upgrade Project.

Present were Village Trustees Richard Sutor, Samantha Baraw, and Thomas McCarney; Village Manager Nancy Allard; Superintendent of Public Works William Lyon; Thomas Nesbit (Stantec, Inc.); and Roy Williams.

Thomas Nesbit, the consulting engineer, provided the history of the project: previously, a new tank was installed at Garvey Hill as well as 12" pipe to North Main Street. This next phase of the project is proposed to start near the intersection of North Main Street and Belknap Street to take full advantage of the Garvey Hill Reservoir. The estimated cost of this phase is \$2,600,000. Mr. Nesbitt has evaluated recent bids for similar projects in other towns and believes that this is an accurate estimate.

Normal pipes are to last fifty (50) to one hundred (100) years. Ours have lasted more than one hundred (100) years and we need to replace them soon. The costs will not decrease if we wait.

If the bond passes next Tuesday, bids would be advertised during January 2008 with a deadline for bid submission the following month (February 2008). The earliest construction could start is mid-April 2008 (depending on the weather). Homeowners in the area will be notified ahead of time before construction begins for their area. There might be some delays due to community concerns. Trustee McCarney suspects that the project would be completed in one (1) construction season. Customers would not be without water for more than 4 (four) hours at a time and provision will be made for those who are affected.

Roy Williams wanted to know how many bidders should we anticipate for this phase of the project. He was informed that the Village would send out twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) sets of plans out to prospective bidders but would expect about eight (8) companies to submit final bids.

Mr. Williams wanted to know whether the completion of the Garvey Hill Reservoir did increased water pressure in Northfield Falls. He was told that the purpose of that reservoir was not to increase water pressure but to stabilize it.

This project would not affect sewer rates; sewer rates are based on usage.

The bond vote will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2007 in the Northfield High School Lobby from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This system upgrade is vitally needed and we encourage Village residents to vote.

There being no other questions, the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Samantha H. Baraw*

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.